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## Fire Prevention This Week

All of us are conscious these days of the fact that Canada is undergoing a stage of rapidly expanding development. We are continually learning of new discoveries of raw materials, new production techniques, plant construction projects and many other developments.

Mechanical and electrical appliances are in wider use than ever before; improved methods of processing products such as wood, paper, textiles are being sought; in addition many new oil developments have risen, and all of these are helping to make Canada more self-sufficient. These new developments are also accompanied with a continually increasing risk of fire and accident hazard and this factor is of the utmost importance.

What would be the use of these tremendous activities if fire and accident hazards were not studied in order to preserve the development. All the capital, labor and risk would go for naught if the necessary study of fire prevention methods are neglected.

It is for this reason one week in every October is set aside to inculcate in the minds of the public the need for proper fire prevention. Fire losses continue to grow and unfortunately Canada has the unenviable record of having one of the highest per capita loss records.

It must be remembered that fire losses consist not only of the direct loss buildings, machinery and contents, but loss of life and injuries to hundreds of Canadians every year.

Further, the closing of premises damaged or destroyed by fire affects the population; men and women are thrown out of jobs until such time as the premises are rebuilt and ready for production of goods.

For years government authorities, insurance associations, fire marshals, fire chiefs and many other associations have endeavored to awaken the public from its apathetic attitude to one of awareness.

It is well known from statistics that the major cause of fire is carelessness. If every Canadian exercised more care, fire losses would diminish and millions of dollars would be saved to say nothing of the lives and injuries suffered by countless persons every year.

Make this year a real Fire Prevention year.

## Thanksgiving

It is a happy custom at Thanksgiving to give thanks for the bountiful gifts of the harvest and for the gift of life in Canada. Actually, the festival which is primarily a religious one dates back to our early ancestors.

Just as Easter and Christmas have their age old customs so there are traditions to Thanksgiving. We adorn our churches with fruits and vegetables and we gather around the family table for a dinner of roast turkey and pumpkin pie.

Thanksgiving this year has a special significance to the home economists of the consumer section, Canada Department of Agriculture. In August, two of the home economists attended the convention of the Associated Country Women of the World, held in Toronto. There were a thousand women delegates at this meeting and they represented five and a half million rural women from all parts of the world. Many of the delegates came from countries where there was very little food and they were absolutely astonished at the abundance of everything we had in Canada. Sometimes you would see these women sitting, with tears in their eyes, unable to eat, thinking of their homes where so many people had no food at all. This actual contact with women who knew of want for food and who had experience with starving families impressed the home economists and at this time, they want to impress upon you too, that we should give special thanks for the abundance we have in Canada.

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These youngsters are quite happy that school days are here again. Their favorite program, "Kindergarten of the Air," has returned to the air lanes and is heard each

week day morning on the CBC's Trans-Canada net-work. As in other years teachers Dorothy Jane Jane Goulding and Ruth Johnson take turns conducting the broadcasts.

## News Items of Local Interest

Next Monday is Thanksgiving Day and many Gleichen people will serve Thanksgiving dinner.

A Gleichen man says that ever since the world began man has tried to find something women would refuse to wear. Their efforts appear to have gone unrewarded.

Sgt. Ldr. and Mrs. W. Riddell and son, Mr. Denley, Mr. and Mrs. L. Riddell and son and Miss Emily Boser all of Calgary motored to Gleichen to spend the week end visiting relatives and friends.

Libin Bros., proprietors of Shoprite Stores have purchased the residence owned by Stuart Hampton, situated in the west end of the town. Mr. and Mrs. Hampton are now living in New Westminster, B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. U. A. Jones attended the convention of the War Amputations in Calgary last week. They report the meeting to be a grand success and was attended by members from all over Canada.

A large gathering of friends met at the home of Mrs. A. N. McLeay last Wednesday afternoon to honor Mrs. G. H. Farquharson, who left for her new home in Calgary the next day. Mrs. Farquharson was presented with a beautiful gift from her many friends by Mrs. McIntyre who, on behalf of the ladies expressed in a few words how sorry

all were to see her go and how she would be missed in the community and wished her much happiness in her new home. Mrs. Farquharson responded by saying she would miss her old friends but hoped to see them once in a while and graciously thanked her friends for the token of friendship. She also thanked Mrs. McLeay and her helpers for entertaining her and making it possible for her to once more have a social afternoon with her friends. Hostess Mrs. McLeay and her helpers served a delicious lunch ending a very pleasant afternoon.

Recently citizen was seen wheeling home a load of old oyster cans, bottles, etc., and curious to know what use he could put them to we made inquiry. "Going to throw them over the fence in my back yard," he replied. "We are going



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"Head Blights" Cause Crop Losses "Head Blight", and not rust, has been one of the main causes of disappointing yields and lowering the bushel weight of grain crops, especially barley, in many districts of Western Canada this year.

Cause and Effect. The most common forms of "Head Blight" are caused by fungi (molds), many of which live in the soil and grow on all kinds of dead and decaying vegetable matter. During the summer, the spores or seeds of these fungi are scattered by wind and rain, and come in contact with the heads of grain plants. Heads that for one reason or another have ripened prematurely, or are small and poorly filled, become severely blackened or discoloured. Cool, wet weather conditions, such as we have experienced this year, favour the development and spread of Head Blight. The disease is causing considerable concern among farmers this year not only because it is so conspicuous, but more particularly because the affected heads are empty, or only partly filled. The blackening of the heads, however, is simply an indication that the plants have been affected, probably for a considerable time, by some other trouble, such as root rot or leaf blight, which led to premature ripening of the plants and the production of empty heads, or poorly-filled heads containing small or shrivelled grain. In barley, the result is the production of numerous shoe-peggy kernels.

Save Good Seed. Not all the "molds" responsible for "Head Blight" are capable of adversely affecting the germination of the grain, or of causing seedling blight; but some of them are. Consequently, grain from fields showing severe Head Blight damage should not be used for seeding purposes. This is one year when farmers should be sure and select their seed grain from fields that are free or relatively free of Head Blight. Owing to the fact that Head Blight is very prevalent throughout Western Canada this year, seed treatment will pay higher dividends than usual in 1954. Plan now on treating all your seed grain next Spring.

to have some relations from a city visit us. We want them to see these bottles and cans and boxes laying around and they will think we have had oysters, beer, figs and nuts (ill we have got tired of 'em) and we are now living on bread and pork and beans for a healthy change."

Next Sunday afternoon at one o'clock a trap shoot will take place on the grounds of the Gleichen Gun Club. The Curling Club is sponsoring the event and the proceeds if any will go to the curling rink.

Mrs. C. Kileup of Portland Ore., arrived in town last week to visit her son Clifford who suffered a severe attack of polio. Cliff is now out of the isolation hospital and is recovering.

Mrs. R. M. Stabback of Calgary, was a Gleichen visitor during the weekend while here she visited her sister Mrs. H. Brown of Arrowwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Camps left for Olds, Monday, where he has a job on a farm. Don has lived in town most of his life and his many young friends are sorry to see him leave.

Bert Robinson has returned to town after spending many weeks in the Holy Cross hospital. He is much improved in health.

CARD OF THANKS Mr. and Mrs. Bert Robinson wish to thank all those who showed kindness to Mr. Robinson during his illness.

Engineer Jack Lester has been busy the past week with men and trucks filling up all the holes in the streets with gravel. The streets are now in better shape than they have ever been.

Every fall reports are heard of some accident due to carelessness of a hunter, and often these accidents result in death, either to the gun carrier, or his companions

If you are among the shooting nimrods be sure at all times to take every precaution against accidental shooting. When going through fences or walking with your partner, be sure your gun is pointed so as to cause no harm to anyone in

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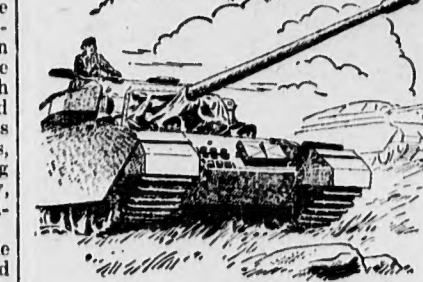


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## Many Farmers Burn Straw And Stubble--Wasting Source For Good Growing Soil

Poor physical condition or lack of good tilth is a growing problem on many western soils, W. E. Johnson, Saskatchewan provincial soil conservation specialist, said recently. Mr. Johnson stated that many farmers are inclined to burn straw and stubble, thereby wasting the largest source of organic matter which is that part of the soil mainly responsible for good tilth.

He pointed out that although the west had experienced heavy rains in the past, water erosion was much more evident in many areas last spring than in previous years of high precipitation. In the same way, he added, severe wind erosion can occur more easily.

The conservation specialist termed the problem one of farm management in the planning of suitable crop rotations and the handling of field crops and crop residues with the proper use of recommended machinery.

Included grass in the rotation would tend to maintain good soil condition and the addition of legumes would improve forage quality and add some nitrogen to the soil, Mr. Johnson said, and added that in a system of straight grain farming the use of trash cover is doubly necessary.

Mr. Johnson emphasized that discing or plowing the stubble under or burning it off in the fall seriously reduces available spring moisture in that snow blows off, water runoff increases, and the

bare field loses more moisture in evaporation. Burning stubble, he continued, destroys an estimated two dollars worth of nitrogen per acre and results in the loss of a much greater amount in the value of straw as a soil conditioner and in prevention of wind and water erosion. Quoting a report from the Regina experimental sub-station, Mr. Johnson said disking the stubble in the fall has depressed yields the following year by an average of 2.4 bushels per acre over a period of 16 years. The practice is therefore not recommended except where wild oats present a problem, and where very shallow fall tillage will promote germination of wild oats the following spring when they can then be killed off by spring tillage.

And reduction of yield in the second crop should not necessarily be attributed to trash cover, Mr. Johnson pointed out, but might be the result of reduced fertility, and should suggest testing the use of a fertilizer if sufficient moisture is present.

The soil conservation specialist said poor yields in the second crop are frequently caused by poor germination of seed placed in a heavy swath row rather than in a firm soil seedbed. He stressed the advisability of using good straw cutters and spreaders to more evenly distribute the crop residue. He added that tests reveal no reduced yield due to trash cover unless it is present at the rate of more than three tons per acre, which is nearly double the Saskatchewan average. Oscillating harrows may also be used to spread the swath, and cultivating should only be done with those machines, such as a duckfoot or blade cultivator, which leaves the stubble standing.

Mr. Johnson said that a two-year rotation of summerfallow and one crop would probably be more satisfactory for long-term maintenance and prevention of wind erosion on some soils than burning stubble to seed a second crop. "It is only by careful management of our farms today that we can assure ourselves of sufficient production fifty years hence," he concluded.

## Simple Method To Distinguish Whooping Crane

Saskatchewan Game Commissioner E. L. Paynter has pointed out a simple method by which the provinces hunters can prevent mistaking the rare Whooping Crane for legal game.

Mr. Paynter noted that there are only three large white birds with black wing tips—the Whooping Crane, Pelican and Whistling Swan—that are seen during migration in Saskatchewan.

All of these, he emphasized, are protected by the province's game regulations. The only other white birds with similar markings to these three species, he said, are the Snow Goose and the Ross's Goose.

The Ross's Goose is the smallest of the goose family, and since they are scarce, are protected at all times. It is estimated there are only 1,500 still in existence.

The Snow Goose is also among the smallest of the goose family and subsequently none of the larger birds of similar markings which are protected could be mistaken for it. The Snow Goose, it was noted, is legal game.

The highest hill in England's westernmost country, Cornwall, is called "Brown Willy," derived from the old Celtic name, "Bryn Whelli," the peak is 1,375 feet above sea level.

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"Brown!" he bawled. "Take two paces to the rear!"

Two men took two paces forward. The sergeant-major glowered at the second man. "Hey! You!" he shouted. "Is your name Brown, too?"

"No, Green, sir."

"Then are you deaf, daff, or what?"

"No, sir. Color-blind."

"You're looking downcast, old chap. What's on your mind?"

"A piece of my wife's."

"A man bought a canary from a pet shop. 'You're sure this bird can sing?' He said, suspiciously.

"He's a grand singer."

The customer left. A week later he reappeared. "Say! This confounded bird you sold me the other day is lame!"

"Well, what do you want—a singer or a dancer?"

An insurance agent was trying to induce a business man to insure his office furniture and fittings against burglary.

"I'll insure everything except the clock," the man told him.

"Isn't it worth insuring?" the agent asked.

"It's worth it all right. In fact it's the best bit of furniture in the office."

"Then why not insure it?" asked the agent.

"It would be a waste of money," the business man replied. "It's impossible to steal it. The staff never take their eyes off it."

He appeared before the company officer charged with using insulting language to his sergeant.

"Please, sir," he protested, "I was only answering a question."

"What question?" snapped the officer.

"Well, sir, the sergeant said, 'What do you think I am?' and I told him."

"I always believe in weighing my words before speaking," said Mrs. Hobson.

"And you don't give a short weight, either," said her husband.

The vicar who was leaving the parish, was visiting George, his oldest parishioner, to say farewell.

"Wonder what sort of man we'll be getting now?" said George.

"Oh, somebody much better than me," replied the vicar.

"I doubt it," said George.

"I've lived through five vicars and everyone has been worse than the last."

The famous artist's likeness of the magnate's wife was not pleasing to the wealthy one. Remonstrating with the artist he complained: "Why you've got the plainest woman I've seen on that canvas."

"Maybe," replied the painter, "but if you wanted me to paint a peach, why did you bring me a lemon?"

"I can't understand why you broke into the shop on three successive nights, yet stole only one dress."

"Well, your honor, it was for the missus, and I had to keep changing it."

They had just emerged from a railway tunnel. Said the girl: "Herbert, you shouldn't have kissed me like that with all those people around, even if it was dark."

"I didn't kiss you," said the young man, angrily. "I only wish I knew who it was—I'd teach him."

"Herbert," sighed the girl, "you couldn't teach him anything."

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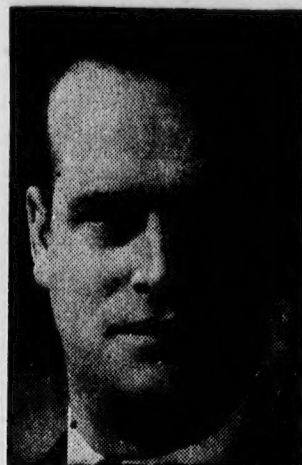
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HON. R. H. WINTERS—Prime Minister of Canada, has announced the appointment of Mr. Winters, of Lunenburg, N.S., Minister of Resources and Development, as new Minister of Public Works. Mr. Lesage, a Quebec City lawyer and former Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, was appointed to the Resources and Development portfolio, replacing Mr. Winters.

## Cost-Of-Living Index To Be Discontinued

As announced earlier by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the cost-of-living index will not be published beyond the index for September 1 to be released earlier in October. From that date only the consumer price index will be available. In this connection the Bureau has prepared a statement designed to assist those who have the problem of converting escalator clauses of wage contracts to use of the consumer price index.

With termination of the publication of the cost-of-living index, the Bureau is planning to release early in November new consumer price indexes for the following cities or city combinations: Halifax, Saint John, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon—Regina, Edmonton—Calgary, and Vancouver.

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## Peace River Beckoning!

## Two-Million Acres Under Cultivation And 14 Million More Waiting For Farms

(By Forbes Rhude, CP Business Editor)

The superintendent said: "Two-million acres are under cultivation and 14,000,000 more acres are waiting to be made into farms." The superintendent was E. C. Stacey, head of the Dominion experimental farm at Grande Prairie, Alta., and he was referring to the Peace River country of north-western Alberta and a hunk of British Columbia.

He was speaking to delegates of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, on tour after last week's annual meeting in Edmonton.

His statement confirmed that we weren't the victims of dreams, illusions or enthusiasms.

We were beholding a frontier being pushed back, a giant breadbasket being created for Canada and the world.

Not many miles from us bulldozers with huge cutting blades, were lopping off small willows and poplars which cover much of the fertile land, and great disks and plows were chopping up and throwing out the roots to open up another 80,000 acres.

It is not only farm land. Lumber is a major industry. Glass sands—an estimated 1,000,000 tons—are waiting to displace the sands now being imported from the United States for the Canadian glass industry.

This winter, seismic and drilling crews of oil companies will tramp over more than 4,000 miles of bulldozed roads. Discoveries to date leave no doubt in the minds of oil men that the Peace is a great oil and gas country. Already enough gas has been discovered to justify a pipeline to the Pacific coast.

Forty years ago this country virtually did not exist as a settled land, and you can still meet many of the pioneers who opened it up.

It is the major remaining part of Canada where a man with a hunger for land can, with small capital and hard work, build himself a valuable property from scratch and be a present-day pioneer.

Clearing of the land will cost him about \$25 an acre. After that, of course, he must bring the land under control, put some machinery on it, and have enough money to carry him over the early years.

There is the farm of J. B. Early, who owns some 700 acres along the banks of the Peace river, near the town of Peace River.

Early, an alert, almost jauntily dressed man of 86, who has combined hard work with gracious living, went there 30 years ago at an age when few men would want to start a new career on a frontier.

He went, however, with dairy-farming, gardening and vegetable-growing savvy from the Yakima district of the state of Washington and picked his land carefully.

Today, in addition to the wheat lands which he and his son care for, he grows 10,000 gladioli of 175 varieties, delphiniums eight feet and more tall, vegetables which would be show pieces in any display window.

"Last year," he said, "the gladioli paid for a trip to California."

But, looking at his corn and cucumbers: "These pay the bills."

On a Sunday, as many as 200 cars will crowd his farmyard from as far away as 100 miles. He piles the corn and cucumbers, squash and what not into heaps, and lets the buyers help themselves.

We were told of other vegetable growers with similar stories of success, such as Bruce and Eugene Cowan, who came from Ontario six years ago.

And then there is grass, and, in recent years, the sensational fescue grass.

One big grower is said to have a \$150,000 fescue crop this year, and there are many instances of \$10,000 and \$20,000 crops.

The grasses are harvested for seed and sold over the continent for lawns. "Three-quarter fescue and one-quarter Kentucky blue," was recommended to us.

A man who seemed to know, pointed to a farm and said: "That man's flax will pay for his farm this year."

However, money of this sort isn't all easy pickings. There are disappointments too—the grass may not come to seed, prices may not be right, there may be failures of many kinds.

What may be called the Peace River country is not exactly defined. It takes its name from the Peace river, which rises in the Rocky mountains and flows north-east to empty into Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories. From there its waters find their way to the Arctic ocean.

Its southern area is less than 100 miles north, but considerably west of Edmonton, and the climate of the farming area is similar to the rest of the Prairie grain-growing country. Summers are warm, with brilliant sunshine. Winters are cold, but relieved occasionally by chinook winds.

We had gone to the Peace River expecting to see wheat, and we saw plenty of it, for the Peace River is famous as the home of world wheat championships and raises about 30,000,000 bushels of it. But we saw so many other things that we almost forgot about the major crop.

### IN SASKATCHEWAN

## Walnuts Grown At Gull Lake

Mr. George Moen of Gull Lake, who is widely known in the western part of Saskatchewan for his fruit orchard, has come up with something new. His trees have been loaded with luscious fruit. To be successful in growing fruit in this part of the country requires a lot of thought, much attention and watchful eye.

To Mr. Moen's joy this year he has been able to produce fully developed English walnuts. In previous years flowers only appeared on the walnut trees which did not mature.

### TOUGH GROUSE

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## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY —

## Onions for Understanding

By Maude Norman

OUTSIDE Estelle Monroe's door, James hoped he would hear her high, clear voice calling him back. Her laughter when he asked her to marry him! You! she had exclaimed. "Darling, you're crazy!" That is what had fooled him. Her "Darling" habit. She even called her dog that. He dreaded the evening broadcast. Other nights, when he tucked the violin under his chin, his eyes had been for Estelle. And after the show, "Darling, you were wonderful!" He had been living in a fool's paradise.

Back in his apartment, in an old-fashioned, converted house, he paced restlessly.

A knock sounded at the door. Glad of the interruption, he opened it. A girl stood there, dark

hair tied back with a red ribbon and a frilly apron over a plain black dress. James had a vague impression he had seen her somewhere.

"Do you have an onion?" she asked hopefully.

James stared. "A what?"

"An onion. I'm making a meat pie and discovered I had no onions and a meat pie is pretty sad without them. I judge from your expression you have none. I guess my pie will be onionless."

"I could get you some," James volunteered.

"Would you really? I'd appreciate it no end. I live on the third floor. I'll be in the kitchen so will leave the door ajar. It's simply wonderful of you."

"Not at all," he denied politely.

"Of course I wouldn't refuse if you offered pie as a reward."

"My goodness!" the girl exclaimed, when he brought the bag, "how many did you get?"

"Five pounds. Enough?"

"More than enough. You'll have to help me eat them, Mr. Nelson."

"You know me?" James asked, surprised.

"Know you! You're too modest. Everyone knows James Nelson, the new violinist who skyrocketed to fame practically overnight. Especially when they're on the same program with you."

"Why haven't I seen you?"

"There are several answers to that," she said airily. "One, I'm just a singing commercial. You know, 'Why scrub your teeth to make them white? Use Sunshine Foam to keep them bright! Another, you're not apt to notice a little twinkle when the star is smiling at you. I'm Jennie Carter."

"Miss Monroe is very kind," he answered, stiffly.

"Isn't she? She's always helping young artists up the ladder of fame, especially if they're males," Jennie agreed, impishly.

"Would you set the table, while I make the gravy?"

James found himself whistling as he smelled the delicious odour. This was fun, he decided.

"I didn't know anyone cooked their own meals in New York," he said later. "I thought everyone ate out."

Jennie's smile revealed dimples. "I love to cook, but you're the first companion I've had since Estelle's son was here before going to Florida."

James straightened. "Estelle has a son?"

"As old as you are. He has his own band. Estelle wanted him to stay here with her, but he wanted to be on his own. I don't blame him. Here he was just Estelle Monroe's son. He'd never get anywhere shining in her reflected glory."

"I suppose that's why she's nice to me," James mused. What a fool she must have thought him. Thinking of fools, he turned the subject sharply.

"How did you have dinner ready so quickly if you had to wait for the onions?"

"More coffee?" she asked, hastily, reaching for his cup, but he caught her hand. "Not until you explain."

"You would think of that," she sighed. "You will consider me perfectly shameless, but you always looked past me, instead of at me and I had to do something to make you see me. The onions were simply an excuse to get you up here. This is still Leap Year, remember."

Despite her brazenness, James had enough grace to smile. Anyway, his vanity was tickled. Now he could wash his hands of the Estelle episode.

"Do you think me bold?" Jennie asked.

"I wish you had been bold sooner, he grinned. He knew he would play better tonight than ever before, because when he tucked the violin under his chin he wouldn't have to worry about Estelle and where to keep his eyes.

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## The Community Sports Day

The following interesting article appeared recently in The Minot Herald, Manitoba, which was taken from the Cincinnati Times-Star. Mr. Nixon Denton of that paper, inserted in his column "Second Thoughts" a letter written by Miss Janet Weidenbein of that city. She vividly describes the community "Sports Day" that are held every year on the prairies:

Mr. Denton writes as follows:

"I was a trifle hasty some time back, I guess, when I reprinted a piece from a Canadian newspaper, implying that baseball north of the border wasn't likely to become more popular than cricket, hockey, or getting lost in blizzards."

"Miss Janet Weidenbein of 4007 Drew Avenue, explains that our national game, as it is termed, does very well indeed among Her Majesty's Canadian subjects, hinting that most of them, at least, are well aware of the difference between a catcher and a shortstop, and do not believe, for an instant, that the Cincinnati Reds are Communists."

"Dear Mr. Denton, she writes—Since we never miss your column we couldn't help but read a week or so ago, about the Canadian newspaper clipping which you received, that took a very dim view of America's favorite pastime of baseball. I'm afraid, Sir, that my family holds quite a different opinion."

"For the past several years we have spent our vacations with relatives who own a wheat ranch in western Manitoba. They are located about 200 miles west of Winnipeg and 30 miles east of the Saskatchewan border where the winters are long and the summers short. There the farmer works hard all year long, but especially so during the growing season from dawn to dusk. (I might add that so far north the sun comes up at 4 and sets at 11). But, no matter how busy these people may be, they never miss the local Sports Days, travelling from a 50-mile radius over mud lanes and cow paths to get together for a day of picnicking, gossiping—and baseball."

"By nine in the morning many have already gathered at the ball field, an old cow pasture which still has the landmarks of its former occupants. A long, low wooden building which serves as a skating and curling rink in the winter is utilized as a lunch room where one can buy covered dishes and the like donated by the townsfolk. Wood, salvaged from someone's old barn and some old chicken wire form the backstops for the diamonds."

"The spectators, mostly wives, children and girl friends, sit in their cars, parked as close as possible, or, if they have no cars, brave the 90 degrees, broiling sun."

"Although a stiff, hot, summer wind blows dust in their throats and into their eyes, the rooters are undaunted and make so much noise that even our Redlegs couldn't ask for more encouragement."

"At 10 a.m. the scrub teams including one from a nearby Indian Reserve, begin the play-offs, consisting of six innings to the game. By noon four games have been completed and everybody takes time out to quiet the grumblings of the kids and their own stomachs with potato salad, meat loaves and pop, while the mosquitoes with the speed and accuracy of dive bombers take care of their own food wants nicely."

"In the afternoon the play-offs continue, with as many as four

games simultaneously on different parts of the field. About 8 p.m. only the championship game remains. This is played nine full innings. All in all 10 or 12 games are played, the prize being \$25."

"All the players are volunteers from the surrounding farms and receive nothing for their aching muscles and wind-burns except the excitement of competition and fellowship, for the prize money is used to buy equipment."

"Also, each community has a 'Sports Day' so there is one practically every week, topped off by a dance in the community hall that lasts until dawn. Then everybody goes home to milk the cows and do the day's work."

"In Brandon the wheat capital of the province, a minor league has been started and the exhibition schedule is as stiff as the schedules in our own major leagues."

"Many of the players are well known, even in the small outlying communities which see them on rare occasions."

"After our own experiences you can hardly blame us for feeling that baseball is an American (American-Canadian) pastime and that is as important to our northern neighbors as it is to us."

AGILE OLDSTER

COURTENAY, B.C.—Spectators gasped when they saw a man performing acrobatics atop a 100-foot spar. After topping the seven-foot top section of the tree, the daring logger stood up straight and was recognized as Swanty Kyollen, 60-year-old grandfather.

FAMED COW

SUMMERLAND, B.C.—Summerland Standard Flo is dead. The 18-year-old Jersey cow which set numerous milk-producing records and became a lifetime Jersey butterfat champion had to be slaughtered after contracting disease.

Today is yesterday's pupil.

—By Les Carroll

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PERFUME OF A CANADIAN AUTUMN—One of the experiences most Canadians remember from childhood is the burning of leaves in autumn. The sweetish odor, billowing smoke and the haze that the burning leaves produce are typical signs of the season in cities and towns from coast to coast.

## Penicillin Saves Lives Of Reindeer Mauled By Bears

KAMLOOPS, B.C. — How penicillin saved the lives of reindeer after they had been mauled by a grizzly bear was related by Grady Carrothers. A Texan, Mr. Carrothers paused here on his way from Nome, Alaska, to his native state. He arrived with 13 reindeer, three of which were injured by the bear. With him was his 13-year-old son, Jack.

A 400-pound bear attacked the reindeer at Fort Nelson, on the Alaska highway, while Carrothers and his son were sleeping in their pick-up truck.

Penicillin administered by an R.C.A.F. medical officer saved the animals' lives, Carrothers said.

"He looked after the reindeer as though they were babies — a mighty fine gent, that sawbones," he said.

"The attack came when it was pitch dark in a deserted spot along the road. The animals stayed close

together. They were wild with fright but pawed at the bear and hit him when they could with their antlers."

Father and son jumped from the truck, Carrothers grabbing his gun. He fought his way through the milling reindeer and managed to get a good shot at the bear, which escaped.

Carrothers' reindeer are booked for Santa Claus parades in New Orleans, Memphis, California and as far as Chicago. The pair now have travelled about 3,000 miles from Nome, north of where they roped the reindeer out of a herd of 20,000, and have 3,500 more miles to go before they reach home.

Carrothers said there is much ignorance among many people in Texas as to the habitat of the reindeer.

"Why, the Eskimos we got these reindeer from know more about Texas than all the teachers and professors down there know about reindeer and Eskimos," he said.

## Manufacturing Increases 100 Times Since Formation Of Alberta

The growth of Alberta's manufacturing industry has been impressive when it is considered in relation to the Province's dependence on the main industry agriculture.

Alberta's manufacturing industry produces \$500,000,000 worth of goods and materials yearly, 100 times the value of production in 1905. In those 47 years, the number of manufacturing plants has increased from 97 to nearly 2,000. There are 27,000 persons employed by Alberta's manufacturing industries and their salaries and wages approximate \$60,000,000 annually.

The group manufacturing foods and beverages produce more than 54 per cent of the total annual production of manufacturing in-

## Resources Of Alberta Rolls Up Surplus

EDMONTON.—The Alberta government had an over-all surplus of \$23,584,446 on income and capital accounts at March 31, provincial auditor C. K. Huckvale said in the 1952-53 public accounts report released.

This was an increase of \$17,046,730 over the surplus at the end of March, 1952.

Operating surplus to the end of last March totalled \$77,508,956, largest in the province's history. The over-all surplus is obtained by subtracting the net capital expenditure of \$50,960,511 from the operating surplus.

The operating surplus represented a \$29,904,230 increase over that of March 31, 1952, while net capital expenditures were up \$12,857,489.

With a net funded debt of \$94,801 at the end of the last fiscal year, Alberta had cash and investments totalling \$108,397,993, more than enough to pay off the debt if it wished. Adding the unfunded debt and certain guarantees for which the government is liable, the total public debt totalled \$102,466,718.

The government paid off \$3,871,440 of the debt during the year.

Revenue on income account for the fiscal year totalled \$154,743,686, or \$159.53 per capita on the basis of a population of 97,000. Expenditures reached \$77,284,730, or \$79.63 per capita.

Major revenue was \$68,812,501 from fees, of which \$50,362,561 came from oil and natural gas activity.

Recorded Soil Erosion At 9,000 Pounds Per Acre

EDMONTON.—The Soils department of the University of Alberta recorded soil erosion at a rate of 9,000 pounds per acre during a recent storm which struck nearby St. Albert.

In seven minutes, 7/10 of an inch of rain fell in the area, a record for the Edmonton district. The storm occurred July 30.

The university established eight plots at St. Albert in 1949. They are designed to study effect of crop cover, crop rotation, and intensity of rainfall and the amount of run-off and soil loss.

Loss of soil by erosion was suffered most by a plot of summer-fallow. A wheat plot showed some loss but was protected considerably by its crop cover. A natural prairie plot was not affected by the downpour.

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## THE TILLERS



## —By Les Carroll



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## HERE AND THERE

Mr. and Mrs. R. Blick and family spent the weekend in town the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Froggatt.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lester are busy this week moving into their new home they recently purchased on Prosperity Avenue. The residence was formerly owned by Dr. Farquharson.

W. F. Durston of Calgary paid the town a visit for a couple of days this week. Mr. Durston is a member of the Gleichen Masonic Lodge and likes to attend a meeting occasionally. He informed us Tuesday that on December 11 he will be 90 years old.

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Farquharson moved to Calgary last week where they will reside in future. Both

of them are real old timers of Gleichen. The doctor arrived here September 2, 1908, the day after the opening of the bridge spanning the river between here and Arrowwood. Mrs. Farquharson arrived a couple of years prior to 1908. They will be frequent visitors to Gleichen since the doctor has considerable property in the town and district.

In every crop year there are thousands of farm families in various parts of Canada who get no pay at all. Farming is a great gamble in most parts of Canada in any year, but it is a good gamble over a period of years except under protracted abnormal weather or international marketing conditions. No other vocation involves higher risks of money, health and well-being. Workers who get paid for every hour of work done cannot realize what it means for a whole family to work hard with great

hours each day for a whole year, only to end up with nothing for their investment and toil. Farm families who love farm life are willing to take all the risks, to do without in bad years, to save and invest in cost-reducing equipment in good years, to improve their soil and their methods, to better their homes and farmsteads, to educate self-reliant citizens. Farm families contribute most to the common good.

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## Thanksgiving

Speaking of the traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey and pumpkin pie, this year homemakers will be able to buy small turkeys, medium sized ones, or big toms. It does not matter whether you buy a large turkey or a small one so long as you look for the signs of good quality, that is a plump bird with a broad breast and thick-meated thighs. A bird which has clear yellow skin, from pin feathers, cuts and bruises. Of course when you buy a grade A bird, it should have all these qualities. A grade B bird will not be quite so well-fleshed and will not have quite as good appearance as grade A but both grades are good eating and are fine for the table.

Perhaps you will want to have turkey for Thanksgiving this year, but a big turkey is too large for the size of your family a half turkey is the solution to your problem. Most butcher shops today sell half turkeys that weigh from 10 to 15 pounds. They are cooked the same way that you cook a whole turkey but the preparation for roasting is slightly different. These are recommendations from some economies of the consumer section Canada Department of Agriculture. After the turkey is washed sprinkle the inside of the body cavity with salt and then tie the leg to the tail and skewer the wing flat against the breast.

Next fasten the skin along the cut surface of the breast meat to keep bone. If this is not done, the skin will shrink back during roasting and the breast meat which is exposed will dry out. Then tie the bird into the cavity of the bird. Place the half turkey on top of the dressing and roast the turkey in the same manner as you would roast a whole turkey.



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